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TOPIC Military Information from the Bittkau Training Area 25X1

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REMARKS

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25X1 [REDACTED] from a laborer at the Bittkau (M 53/Y 83) sawmill that 15 new wooden barracks were being set up in Camp Bittkau. This increases the number of wooden barracks in the camp to 40, with a total billeting capacity of 1,200 to 1,500 men. [REDACTED] the camp quartered about 800 troops on 13 June. The connecting road from Ringfurth to Polte and the approach road to the camp were blocked by sentries. Trucks seen driving toward the camp [REDACTED]

About 150 soldiers wearing black-bordered red epauletts were engaged in record practice with carbines on the Elbe River meadows. From 250 to 300 troops were constructing 8 pontoon ferries at the Elbe River bend near Polte, and more pontoons and bridge building equipment were piled on the meadows, and 8 assault boats with outboard motors were tied up to the river bank. [REDACTED]

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25X1 * [REDACTED] comment. [REDACTED] Camp Bittkau was occupied by about 600 troops in the middle of May 1951. The erection of new wooden barracks indicates that more troops were to be quartered there. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

therefore believed that the engineer units in Camp Bittkau are components of the 15th Gds Engr Bn or of the unidentified Engr Regt, possibly the 19th, of the Third Shock Army; elements of the 890th Indep Engr Bn of the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps; and elements of the unidentified engineer battalion of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div. [REDACTED] of the Third Shock Army are reported from Bittkau for the first time. [REDACTED]

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